
brideshead revisited Portmeirion in "Brideshead"

Posted by Larry Shackley - 2010/02/17 06:20

I was watching my DVDs of Brideshead Revisited and in episode 6, they mention that the Hotel Portmeirion stood in for the south of France. The scenes in question seem to be scenes by a pool (but if it's the Village they added some items around the pool) and on a hotel verandah. The latter seems to be one of the buildings on the hill overlooking the estuary. There's a sort of overhang on an outdoor porch, and a retaining wall that has a little cannon at one point. Does anyone recognize that description? - Larry

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one of the buildings on the hill overlooking the estuary. That was a while ago, Brideshead. I think they were on Battery Rock which is the seaward side of the Campanile, Govt. House, Watch House and those. redcat Yes, the lawn on the seaward side of Government House, and the Hotel pool, standing in for Cap Ferrat, in a flashback sequence. Noel Coward was staying in either fountain or anchor when he wrote blithe spirit, but there is a photo of him sitting on the porch of watch house. garth

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Thanks, all, for your help in identifying the scenery from Brideshead. I've been to Portmeirion twice but didn't stay on Battery Rock where I had access to those lovely verandahs! - Larry

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those lovely verandahs! - Larry Yes, you'd have to stay at Watch House for the actual verandah. But I think you

can share Battery Rock by staying in the cottages adjacent to it. Some likely open to the back as well as the front . rc

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those lovely verandahs! I had the delight(?) of staying with Bob the Gob in the 2-person Watch House in about 1989. (We love ya Bob!). It was great to have the lawn and vista to oneself at most hours of the day. Shame the cliff steps have a wall across them (but it's easily scaled for athletic types like yours truly!) you could get right down to the swimming pool helicopter lawn. Now when I stay I interpret the Preifat notices as meaning hotel guests only, so although not staying in a Battery cottage I still, quietly and discreetly take the view there in the evening or morning. Such a lovely tranquil spot albeit not as wild as the woods or cliffs to the west. The village is still gorgeous to walk around in the evening/night... and me and Linda saw our first and only UFO there (by the Stone Boat we saw a silent rotating fireball pass slowly over the Village - late August 2000.)

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